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Claims 1-4, 6-24 and 26-40 are pending.

Each method recited in the amended independent **Claims 1, 9, 12, 19, 21, 29, 32, and 39** includes a step of “if the device is in a non-regionalized condition, configuring the device in a regionalized condition based on the transferred region identification information stored in the memory”.

Moreover, while *Yasuoka* teaches that each game cartridge will have associated with it a reference code (see, e.g., column 5, lines 41-47), *Yasuoka* never discloses or even reasonably suggests that the reference code associated with the game cartridge be used to configure (e.g., change or set) the reference code associated with the gaming device.

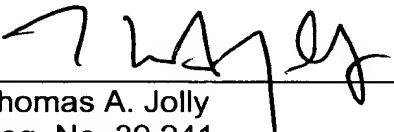
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1 device and gaming cartridges to prevent non-regional usage. See, e.g., column 7,  
2 line 63 through column 8, line 29.

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4 For at least these reasons, independent **Claims 1, 9, 12, 19, 21, 29, 32, and**  
5 **39**, and dependent **Claims 2-4, 6-8, 10, 11, 13-18, 20, 22-24, 26-28, 30, 31, 33-38,**  
6 **and 40** which add further limitations, are patentable over the cited art.

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